

REMARKS

Applicant has undertaken to amend the specification and claims to place the case in condition for examination on the merits.

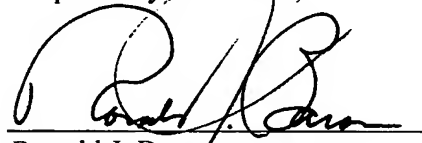
Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 10, 12, 14, 21 and 22 remain in this application in the original form.

Claims 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15 – 20, and 23 – 27 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies so that all claims are singly dependent from previous claims.

No new subject matter has been introduced as a result of this Amendment. Claims 1 – 27 are presented for prosecution. No additional fees should be assessed because of filing multiple dependent claims.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment and examination and favorable consideration. Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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